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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 7, line 11 with the following paragraph:

Specifically, the flat fluorescent lamp 20 has the back substrate 21, and the front substrate 22 placed onto the back substrate 21 through a sealing member 23. Also, a plurality of the partitions 24, which define a discharge channel of a zigzag shape between the back substrate 21 and the front substrate 22, in which the channel zigzags in a side to side direction generally transverse to an end to end direction of the flat flourescent lamp 20 and the substrates 21 and 22, as shown in Figure 2. The partitions 24 are in close contact with the front substrate 22 and are alternately disposed to be spaced from each other by a predetermined interval. Further, two pairs of the electrodes 26, 26' and 27, 27' are disposed along each side to both ends of the back substrate 21 and both ends of the front substrate 22, respectively. The fluorescent material layer 25 is coated along the discharge channel defined by the partitions 24, and the reflective layer 28 is formed to cover the back substrate 21. As such, the front substrate 22 is preferably made of a transparent material capable of allowing light to transmit therethrough.